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MISSOULA--

Dr. Jon A. Rudbach will take a two-year leave-without-pay from the University of Montana in Missoula, where he is a professor of microbiology, to direct a new laboratory for Abbott Laboratories, a firm based in North Chicago, Ill.

Rudbach, who will leave for North Chicago this summer, said he will assemble and direct the new laboratory for the Abbott Diagnostic Division and the laboratory research will concern developing specific procedures for diagnosing bacterial diseases.

"We will primarily be concentrating on developing techniques to diagnose gonorrhea, urinary tract infections and blood infections," Rudbach said. "This is frontier-level work with ultra-modern technology.

"The University will benefit from my work with Abbott," Rudbach said, "I will be able to establish contacts in industries that will enable UM graduates to get jobs and the experience will expand my teaching abilities."

Rudbach also said that he found UM science graduates to be better trained and more qualified than the graduates from other universities he has interviewed to staff the laboratory.

Before joining the UM faculty in 1968, Rudbach worked as a research microbiologist for the Rocky Mountain Laboratory in Hamilton. He received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of California, Berkeley, and a master of science degree and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

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